

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

August 2019 Minutes

On August 15–16, 2019, the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the “Claims Commission”) held hearings in the Claims Commission Hearing Room, 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Henry Kinslow, Commissioner
Paul Morris, Chair Commissioner
Sylvester Smith, Commissioner

Edward Romayor v. Arkansas State Police, Claim No. 191041. Claimant filed his claim seeking \$4,876.99 in personal property damage caused by Respondent’s alleged negligence in unpacking and re-packing Claimant’s moving truck during a search. At the hearing, Claimant proceeded *pro se* via telephone. Elaine G. Lee appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, testimony, evidence, and Arkansas law, the Claims Commission found Claimant to be 40% liable for his damages and Respondent to be 60% liable. The Claims Commission found Claimant’s damages to be \$1,500.00, of which Respondent was liable for \$900.00. As such, the Claims Commission AWARDED Claimant \$900.00.

Antoinette Dickerson v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration; Arkansas Department of Human Services, Claim No. 180430. Claimant filed her claim seeking the difference in salary between when Claimant started at DHS on January 12, 2015, and her adjusted salary, which took effect on January 29, 2017. On October 1, 2018, the Claims Commission granted the motions to dismiss filed by DFA and DHS. At the hearing on Claimant’s motion for reconsideration, Claimant proceeded *pro se*. Michelle Bridges-Bell appeared on behalf of DFA, and Skye Martin appeared on behalf of DHS. The Claims Commission agreed with DFA and DENIED Claimant’s motion for reconsideration as to DFA, given that DFA can provide no further relief to Claimant. The Claims Commission GRANTED Claimant’s motion for reconsideration as to DHS based upon inconsistencies in DHS correspondence. Claimant and DHS were instructed to continue discovery.

Larry Van Anthony Greek v. State of Arkansas, Claim No. 190940; ***EAG, a minor child, and Savannah Rose Cessna v. State of Arkansas***, Claim No. 191234. Mr. Greek filed his claim for disability and scholarship benefits based upon an injury suffered by Mr. Greek while working as a law enforcement officer for the Ola Police Department. Respondent filed a motion to dismiss based upon expiration of the statute of limitations. EAG and Ms. Cessna, as Mr. Greek’s children, then filed an independent claim seeking scholarship benefits. Respondent stated that it did not object to an award of scholarship benefits. Given the intertwined nature of the two claims, the Claims Commission heard both claims together. At the hearing, Mr. Greek, EAG, and Ms. Cessna proceeded *pro se*. Patricia VanAusdall Bell appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the argument of the parties, and Arkansas law, the Claims Commission GRANTED Respondent’s motion to dismiss Mr. Greek’s claim. The Claims Commission also voted unanimously to AWARD scholarship benefits to EAG and Ms. Cessna pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-82-504(e).

This completed all of the business on the August 2019 Claims Commission docket.



Kathryn Irby, Director

Date: August 29, 2019